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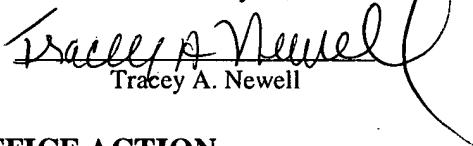
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is being provided in response to the Final Office Action dated January 7, 2004, for the above-captioned U.S. patent application. This Response is believed to be in compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003, and therefore to be exempt from the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d).

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for net addition of claims) are authorized to be charged in two originally-executed copies of an Amendment Transmittal Letter filed herewith.